

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kenji SOEJIMA et al.
Title: *ANTIBODY AGAINST VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR
CLEAVING ENZYME AND ASSAY SYSTEM USING THE
SAME*
Appl. No.: 10/529,009
Filing Date: 3/24/2005
Examiner: Maher M. Haddad
Art Unit: 1644
Confirmation Number: 4640

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed May 18, 2007 extended to November 18, 2007 pursuant to the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-24, drawn to an antibody against a protein or peptide of ADAMTS-13. Applicant further elects the species of SEQ ID NO:1. Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-24 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment accompany this response, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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